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## ABSTRACT

This index contains references to a select group of American folk characters appearing in books. Books about approximately 200 persons, real or imaginary, are listed in the bibliography. The index is arranged alphabetically by the character's last name and is cross-referenced from nicknames to real names. The call number for each book is given to the left of the entry. Full bibliographic information on all books included appears at the end of the main index, arranged in alphabetical order by the author's last name. Some of the characters included in this index are Ethan Allen, Judge Roy Bean, Billy the Kid, Daniel Boone, Lizzie Borden, Calamity Jane, Diamond Jim, Mike Fink, John Henry, Sam Hart, Little Audrey, Annie Oakley, Pecos Bill, Stackalee, and Rip Van Winkle. (TS)

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# BIBLIOGRAPHY OF AMERICAN FOLKLORE

INDEX TO MATERIAL IN BOOKS ON SELECT AMERICAN  
FOLK CHARACTERS

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## INTRODUCTION

Each year numerous requests are received for information and stories concerning characters in American folklore. Many of the characters are familiar to every librarian and there is little problem in locating information about them; however, many others are relatively obscure personalities and it becomes quite frustrating and time consuming for each librarian to search for each of these characters each time a request is received. The compilation of this index was undertaken in the hope that it will make such searches easier.

### DEFINITION

- For the purpose of this index, the term character refers only to a person, real or imaginary, and does not refer to animals, places, or objects.

### LIMITATIONS

This index only cites references to American folk characters contained in books. No recordings, filmstrips or other media are included.

### SCOPE

This is not a comprehensive index. It contains references to only select American folk characters - those frequently requested plus a few others discovered in the various collections of American lore which were examined.

In the children's department all collections of American folklore, excluding American Indian lore, were examined and the characters included. Books in the folklore area that pertained to individual characters were noted as well. Picture books on individual folk heroes were also included, however, material from books classified as juvenile fiction was not. Individual biographies were excluded and material about American folk characters contained in collective biographies was included only when the collective biography was outside of the J 920 area and the individuals were difficult to locate elsewhere. Pertinent literary reference sources available in the children's reference collection were also checked for mentions of the various characters. In addition material from an adult book on general American folklore was included as the book had a format attractive to children and contained allusions to some characters about whom little or no information was available in the children's materials.

### ARRANGEMENT

This index is arranged alphabetically by the character's last name. There are cross references from nicknames to real names. If the character has no known last name he is listed under the name by which he is best known.

The call number for each book is given to the left of the entry. A J before the call number indicates the book is in the juvenile collection while an E indicates it is in the easy section. A JR before the call number indicates the book is part of the children's reference collection. If there is no letter before the call number the book is from the adult collection.

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Noted for his horse ride

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Railroad man

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Riverboat gambler

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Scottish-born pirate

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Human child brought up by wolves

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Prankster carpenter of New York City

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Rhode Island farmer

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A stingy Vermonter

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Jumping champion

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A Maine miser

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Rich Rhode Islander

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A small inhabitant of Connecticut

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Proud Rhode Islander

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**POTTS, BILLY**

Highwayman

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Indian fighter

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